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Communications
Bonneville Power Administration-KC-7
P.O. Box 12999
Portland, OR 97212

RE: Kangley-Echo Lake Transmission Line Project

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. We have the following comments to the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Kangley-Echo Lake Transmission Line project DOE/EIS-0317.

DNR state lands has the following comments:

The environmental analysis must address both existing and proposed Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) power lines:

1. Construction, maintenance, abandonment of power line roads and towers as they relate to Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act (ESA); must address existing conditions on all BPA facilities in the study area
2. Management of nonnative plants within power line corridors.
3. The Department requests that any public lands should be replaced, acre for acre, with additional forest lands.

DNR regulatory has the following comments:

1. A forest practice application is required.
2. The landowner(s) must sign the application.
3. Harvest and road construction on forest land, as defined in WAC 222-16-010, must comply with the Forest Practice Act WAC 222.
4. Harvest and or road construction on potentially unstable slopes as defined in WAC 222-16-050(1)(d) must include a qualified expert report as described in WAC 222-10-030.
5. Road maintenance and abandonment plan(s) may be required.

Please feel free to contact Kit Metlen concerning comments from state lands of myself concerning regulatory comments at 360-825-1631. Thank you for considering these comments. We look forward to continued participation in this project.

Sincerely,

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